

Mentor awards Bellflower Road work

■ Contract allows for price increases in asphalt

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Nearly 10 months will pass before the Bellflower Road resurfacing project can begin, but Mentor City Council went ahead with awarding the construction contract on Tuesday.

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The work was to be done this fall but was postponed until after June 11 — to be completed by Aug. 25 — to avoid conflicts with school busing. The contract was modified

to provide for compensating the contractor for increases in the price of asphalt between now and then, up to a certain amount.

"If asphalt goes through the roof, which nobody thinks it will, the city can get out of it and so can the contractor," City Manager Ken Filipiak said.

"It essentially allows us to take advantage of a favorable bid. ... Ultimately, it will benefit the tax-

payers and avoid the cost of rebidding next year."

Seven bids were received, ranging from \$627,034 to \$791,439 — the high bidder's alternate bid including a polymer-modified asphalt surface, which is expected to increase the pavement life by about 15 percent.

The engineer's estimate was \$700,000.

Chagrin Valley Paving of Chagrin Falls was the low bidder. Engineer

Dave Swiger recommended going with the company's alternate bid of about \$659,580, reflecting the polymer-asphalt mix.

The city recently learned that it will receive about \$300,000 in grant dollars toward the project from the Ohio Public Works Commission's Local Transportation Improvement Program.

The project initially fell just below
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the scoring level to get funded this year, but additional funding became available after money was returned from unfinished projects and/or

lower-than-anticipated bids were received.

The Bellflower project involves concrete and catch basin repairs and an asphalt overlay from Route 306 to Route 615. It is the first major work to be done on the road since 1985.

The average daily traffic volume along the stretch is about 9,000 vehicles.

During construction, traffic will be limited to one way westbound from Route 615 to Georgetown Drive.

Two-way traffic will be permitted from Route 306 to

Georgetown Drive to permit access from Route 306 to Lake Catholic High School and the churches at the west end of the project.

It is anticipated that the project will take about 40 days to complete, depending on the weather.